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SUBJECT: VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

1. MRS. ISABEL GOUVERNEUR, NORTH AMERICAN ASSOCIATION, TOLD EMBASSY THAT SHE AND GEORGE HALL, PRESIDENT OF CREOLE FOUNDATION, MAY BE INVITED TO BECOME MEMBERS OF THE SELECTION COMMITTEE FOR THE PROGRAM DE BECAS GRAN MARISCAL DE AYACUCHO. THE SELECTION COMMITTEE IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN ITS WORK IN MID-AUGUST.

2. MRS. GOUVERNEUR HAS SOME RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE IIE CONTRACT WITH CORDIPLAN PRINCIPALLY BECAUSE THE IIE FEES ARE VERY HIGH. SHE SHARES HOWEVER THE EMBASSY'S HIGH OPINION OF CASSANDRA PYLE AND JOHN THURSTON.

3. MRS. GOUVERNEUR REPORTS THAT VARIOUS VENEZUELAN MINISTRIES HAVE SENT HER ALTOGETHER 80 SCHOLARSHIP CANDIDATES FOR COUNSELLING. SHE HAS HELPED TO ARRANGE TO PLACE ALL OF THEM IN INTENSIVE ENGLISH STUDY CENTERS IN UNIVERSITIEIS OF SOUTHWEST US SUCH AS AUSTIN, TEXAS; OKLAHOMA, ETC. THESE ARE UNIVERSITIES WHICH OFFER THE SUBJECTS THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM STRESSES, SO THAT THE 80 STUDENTS CAN REMAIN IN THEIR UNIVERSITIES AFTER COMPLETING THEIR INTENSIVE ENGLISH.

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4. MRS. GOUVERNEUR STATES THAT THESE 80 STUDENTS HAVE HAD NO RELATIONSHIP TO CORDIPLAN, WHICH HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED AS THE COORDINATING CENTER FOR THE PROGRAM. SHE SAYS THAT SHE BELIEVES THAT CORDIPLAN WILL FUNCTION AS COORDINATOR BUT THAT VENEZUELAN TRADITION OF TAKING CARE OF FRIENDS IN AND OUT OF GOVERNMENT WILL ALSO PREVAIL. SHE WILL REQUIRE IN THE FUTURE THAT ANY MINISTRY THAT WISHES TO RECOMMEND A STUDENT TO HER WILL HAVE TO DO SO IN WRITING.
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